

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 340

By Yarbro

A RESOLUTION to recognize St. Patrick's Day.

WHEREAS, on March 17<sup>th</sup>, the annual celebration of the Feast of Saint Patrick, Irish Americans join with men, women, and children of all other ethnic origins who, for one day, become Irish and celebrate both St. Patrick and their love of Ireland; and

WHEREAS, on St. Patrick's Day, all who wear the green live for a day in the spirit of the three Patron Saints of Ireland, Saint Patrick, Saint Brigid, and Saint Colmcille; and

WHEREAS, Irish immigrants to Tennessee helped form the cultural foundation of this State, and those Tennesseans of Irish lineage continue to proudly sing support for Ireland today; and

WHEREAS, we salute the establishment of the American Irish State Legislators Caucus and its aim of fostering and strengthening the longstanding relationship that exists between the United States of America and the Republic of Ireland and mutually benefits both countries; and

WHEREAS, the songs of Ireland are the tragic songs of love and the joyous songs of battle; and

WHEREAS, they are the nostalgic reveries of the sorrows and glories that are the Emerald Isle, the lamentations of life's myriad travails, and the odes to joy and the life eternal; and

WHEREAS, all Tennesseans are Irish on St. Patrick's Day, and as we wear the green and sing Irish songs on this day of celebration, we most confidently state, "Erin go Bragh"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF

REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize St. Patrick's Day on March 17<sup>th</sup>, as the annual celebration of the Feast of Saint Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.